

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 14(A)(21)

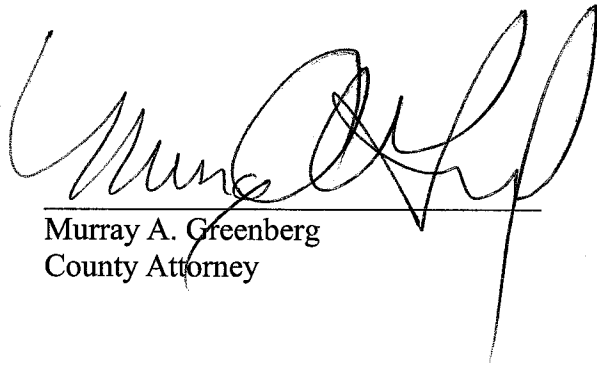
TO: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: December 19, 2006

FROM: Murray A. Greenberg
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution relating to
reducing youth violence

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan and Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson.



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✓ Please note any items checked.

_____ "4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised

_____ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing

_____ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing

_____ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget

_____ Budget required

_____ Statement of fiscal impact required

_____ Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation

_____ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing

_____ Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)

_____ No committee review

Approved _____ Mayor

Veto _____

Override _____

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12-19-06

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING THE GOVERNOR AND THE
FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO PRIORITIZE REDUCING
YOUTH VIOLENCE AND TO MAKE SIGNIFICANT
PROGRAMMATIC AND BUDGETARY COMMITMENTS TO
CURB YOUTH VIOLENCE

WHEREAS, at least 25 youths have died in gun-related violence in Miami-Dade County over the last 15 months; and

WHEREAS, in some cases, this gun-related violence has resulted in victims in their late teens and early twenties, while in other cases, stray bullets have killed even younger victims, including a 9-year-old and an 18-month old; and

WHEREAS, Broward County has had a similar increase in gun-related violence among youths there; and

WHEREAS, meaningful steps must be taken urgently to reduce youth violence,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board:

Section 1. Urges the Governor and the Florida Legislature to prioritize reducing youth violence and to take both programmatic and budgetary actions to curb youth violence.

Section 2. Urges the Governor and Legislature to take significant steps to properly fund chronically underfunded youth programs, such as programs that identify and treat aggressive behavior among youths, programs that provide mental health counseling, and mentoring programs.

Section 3. Urges the Governor and Legislature to take significant steps to address the broad problems that likely underlie youth violence, such as increasing the availability of safe and

affordable housing, improving school funding for a broad range of programs to provide youths with opportunities to development knowledge and skills and pursue their interests, and increasing funding for programs that strengthen families and communities.

Section 4. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit certified copies of the resolution to the Governor, Senate President, House Speaker, and Chair and members of the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation.

Section 5. Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the issues identified in Sections 1, 2, and 3 above, and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2007 state legislative package.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan and Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson and offered by Commissioner , who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Joe A. Martinez, Chairman
Dennis C. Moss, Vice-Chairman

Bruno A. Barreiro
Audrey M. Edmonson
Sally A. Heyman
Dorrin D. Rolle
Katy Sorenson
Sen. Javier D. Souto

Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Carlos A. Gimenez
Barbara J. Jordan
Natacha Seijas
Rebeca Sosa

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 19th day of December, 2006. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

JMM

Jess M. McCarty

By: _____
Deputy Clerk